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I believe I mentioned, confidentially, to your Excellency that the Pennsylvania line was intended to reinforce the Southern army. It is now collecting at Philadelphia under the Generals St Clair and Wayne. I do not learn how many have got together; but be the number what it will, they neither are, nor can be of any service at Philadelphia. The situation of Annapolis and Baltimore, encourages the use of expedients, however momentary that relief which they afford. — If these towns could be made the rendezvous for the troops, it would give them a present

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